



## **Workforce Investment Act (WIA)**

**HELPING AT-RISK YOUTH LIVE SUCCESSFULLY AS ADULTS**

**Department of Workforce Services and community partners**

# WHAT IS WIA YOUTH?



WIA Youth is the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) program to help eligible youth develop employability skills, make good career choices and become successful adults.



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# WIA YOUTH PROGRAM GOALS



- Improve basic skills in reading, language/writing, and math
- Assistance in getting your high school diploma or GED
- Post-secondary training opportunities in industries and careers that are in demand
- Assistance in finding and keeping a job
- Being a successful adult!

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# WIA YOUTH PROGRAM SERVICES

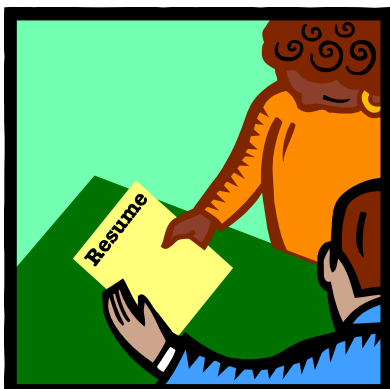


- Funding for tuition and books for occupational training
- Academic assistance such as tutoring and help with study skills
- Job search assistance
- Mentoring from adults who care



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# WIA YOUTH PROGRAM SERVICES



- Leadership and volunteer opportunities
- Job and life skills training
- Internships, summer jobs and other career exploration
- Referrals to community services and resources

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- Incentives and bonuses to reward hard work and accomplishments
- Support and follow-up services such as bus passes, uniforms/work wear, and eye exams and glasses, etc.

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# WIA YOUTH ELIGIBILITY



- Be willing to apply yourself and motivated to succeed
- Identity – photo ID
- Age – be between age 14-21
- Income – low income family
- US citizen or eligible to work in the US
- Meet WIA youth targeted population criteria

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# TARGET POPULATIONS FOR WIA



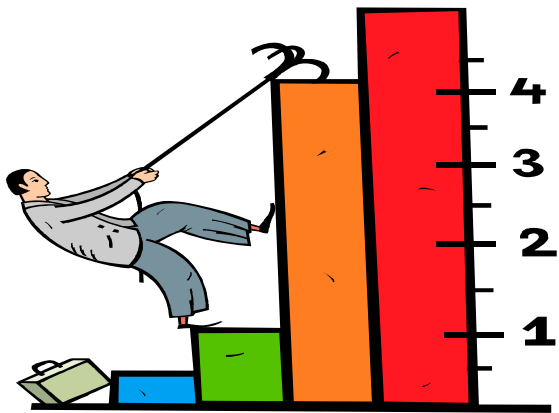
- Basic Skill Deficient
- School Dropout
- Homeless/Runaway
- In Foster Care (FC)
- Aged out of FC
- Pregnant/Parenting
- Misdemeanor or felony offenses
- Migrant
- Incarcerated parent
- Disabled
- Native American
- Refugee
- Behavior Problems in School
- Domestic Violence
- Substance Abuse
- Lacks Occupational Skills/Goals

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# STEPS TO ENROLL



Enrollment process may take up to 30 days to complete.



**Step one:** Apply at your [local WIA Youth Office.](#)

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# STEPS TO ENROLL



**Step two:** Attend initial appointment where you will need:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card or Picture ID
- Verification of WIA Youth Target Population Criteria
- Income for last 6 months

# STEPS TO ENROLL



**Step three:** Complete tasks assigned at first appointment. This may include:

- TABE testing (reading, language/writing, and math)
- Workshops
- Gathering any needed documents



# STEPS TO ENROLL



- **Step four:** Attend follow-up appointment to complete paperwork and assessment.
- **Step five:** *YOU'RE ENROLLED IN WIA YOUTH!*



# TIPS FOR SUCCESS



Having all documents, arriving on time and showing up for all appointments will make the process go faster.



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